

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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**DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

A SENATE RESOLUTION to urge the Legislative Council to establish an interim study committee to study the need for strengthening Indiana's motor vehicle titling and registration requirements.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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*Whereas, the Indiana State Police Vehicle Crimes Unit ("the VCU") worked thirteen cases of failure to deliver title or corrupt business influence in all of 2002;*

*Whereas, the VCU has thirteen open cases of failure to deliver title or corrupt business influence already for 2003;*

*Whereas, failure to deliver title or corrupt business influence is the number one complaint received by the VCU;*

*Whereas, in 2002, the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office received a total of 200 title non-delivery complaints and have had 62 complaints thus far in 2003;*

*Whereas, the VCU has been asked to assist three other law enforcement departments (West Lafayette, Bloomington and Indianapolis) with failure to deliver title or corrupt business influence cases;*

*Whereas, it is the experience of the VCU that the average dollar*

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*loss to each victim of titling non-delivery is approximately \$15,000;*

*Whereas, the members of the VCU believe that an increasing number of motor vehicles are being brought to Indiana for titling purposes;*

*Whereas, the VCU sees "washing" of titles that had been branded salvage or flood as a significant problem; and*

*Whereas, the General Assembly should conduct a comprehensive review of Indiana's current statutes, rules, regulations, and policy with respect to motor vehicle titling, registration, and consumer protection related thereto: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to establish an interim study committee to study the need for strengthening Indiana's motor vehicle titling and registration requirements to increase protection of legitimate rights of all parties to motor vehicle transactions, including consumers, lienholders and motor vehicle dealers. The study committee shall examine other states' motor vehicle titling and registration laws and their experience under those laws.

SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate under the direction of the Legislative Council and that the committee shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the Council.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Legislative Council.

